

(Item H.)

Criteria for Sufficient Progress Even Start Indicators of Quality

Performance Goal: Local programs will meet 100% of the Iowa Indicators of Quality in four program components using the specified measures.

Requirements:

- a. All programs must document progress as stated in the Indicators of Quality.
- b. **Sufficient progress** means implementation of the 4 components at a level of 75% for each of the components. Sufficient progress means that projects will be given continuation funding.
- c. **Conditional progress:** Projects that meet 50-74% implementation of the indicators may be given continuation awards with the condition that:
The program staff and the local evaluator will design an action plan for program improvement for performance indicators not met. The action plan must include quality improvement strategies, outcomes, method of evaluation, and the name of the staff member responsible for implementing the plan. This plan will be submitted for approval to the state coordinator.
- d. **Insufficient progress:** Projects that fall below 50% implementation will be judged as insufficient. The State may refuse to award funds to a program if the program has not met the performance indicators (developed under section 1240 of Title 1, Part B, and Sub-part 3 of the No Child Left Behind Act) and where after technical assistance the program does not demonstrate improved program quality.
- e. Iowa standards for the purpose of early childhood learning outcomes are the National Head Start Child Outcomes Framework including 9 domains of learning.
- f. Families will receive an educational approach based on knowledge of parenting skills, increased adult education, and increased knowledge of family literacy styles that are based upon scientifically based reading research and evidence as available and relevant to the component.
- g. All Iowa programs must develop a local evaluation plan to be used for program improvement. This plan is intended to build programs with the greatest promise. The plan must include a timeline; identified area of focus, name and qualification of the outside evaluator, and a plan to use the data for program improvement.

Goal: 100% of 4 components of Iowa Indicators of Quality – 24 Indicators

Sufficient Progress: Implementation of 75% of the Indicators [18-24]

Conditional Progress: Implementation of 50-74% of the Indicators [12-17]

Insufficient Progress: Below 50% implementation of the Indicators [Below 12]